PRICE ONE CENT

Senate Committee Said to Have Formulated a Pian.

Great Britain to Be Given a Reasonable Time to Act Upon the Amendgated and the Waterway Measure o'clock, Passed in the Event of England's

mittee on Inter-Oceanic Canals, this morn-

The desire of Mr. Morgan, the chairman Britain. of the committee, has been to have the today he was assured by the leaders in the Senate that the bill would be put through before the Fifty-sixth Congress adjourns

The plan, as outlined by a Senator who was present at the meeting, is to decide on the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty on Thursamended form on that day.

Ou the day following the ratification, on the calendar as the special order, and connection with any European Power. Mr. Morgan's resolution, "that the Clay-States and Great Britain, which was con- no objection to this programme. cluded on April 19, 1850, is abrogated,' cluded on April 19, 1850, is abrogated, will also remain on the calendar and may WANT THE SCREWS PUT ON be called up at any time.

It is now believed by a majority of the Senate that when the Hay-Pauncefote compact is forwarded to Great Britain, it will be pigeonholed and allowed to remain there, in order to prevent action on the canal measure.

It is said to have been agreed this orning, however, that Great Britain shall be given a reasonable period in which to act on the amended Hay-Pauncefote compact and return it to Washing-

Hepburn-Morgan measure, it is said, will its passage.

provisions are regarded as being absolutely fair to Great Britain and to the Hanna-Payne scheme. friends of the canal. Mr. Hanna it is claim- Some kind of deal is to be attempted, so sign the Canal bill if passed by the Sen

The friends of the bill are highly pleased with the outlook and predict its passage by a large majority.

The members of the Canal Committee deny absolutely that there is any truth in the statement made by a Senator who has been defeated for another term, that the Administration has a secret understanding with the Panama Caual Company and in the end will show its hand by favoring the Panama route. It is held that no Government official dares favor the Panama way, in view of the report of the Walker Commission, and that the advances made by M. Hutin, the President of the Panama Company, have been both hopeless to the speculators and distasteful to this Govern-

"The canal will be constructed along the SUSPENSION DAY IN THE HOUSE Nicaragua route," said a prominent Senator this morning. "It will be constructed through an issue of Government bonds and will be an American canal from bed to for-

ARMY REORGANIZATION BILL.

Senate Sub-Committee Appointed to Consider It Hears Testimony.

The Senate Committee on Military Affairs appointed a sub-committee today consisting of Senators Hawley, Proctor, Sewell, Cockrell, and Harris, to go over the Army Reorganization bill, as passed by the House and report to the committee The sub-committee met today, and Captain Harris, retired, testified before the committee urging recognition in the bill of the transport service. Dr. H. T. Johnson, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, of the National Medical Association, was also heard and urged that the Surgeon General's recommendations for amending the bill

Urgency Deficiency Bill Reported. The House Committee on Appropriations today reported the first Urgency Deficiency bill of the session, carrying \$182,500, in the following items: For contingent expenses, House of Representatives, \$30,000; for Indian affairs, \$85,500; for the District of Columbia, \$850; for the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, \$66,150.

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Military Academy Appropriations.

The House Committee on Military Affairs this morning directed Chairman Hull to report the Military Academy Appropriation bill. The bill carries \$699,157, which is an increase of \$24,000 over the appro
Mr. McIll of Massachusetts said he is an increase of \$24,000 over the appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 20, 1901. The estimates submitted were

Sanford a Professional Runner. NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 17 .- Relatives lete and coach, and present Columbia University football coach, admit that he has the bill. Sanford left here Saturday, and is now on

The Senate Practically Decides to Act on Thursday Afternoon.

The Senate today resumed the considexecutive session and after some discussion took up the question of voting on the compact and the ameadments before the holiday recess, which begins after adjournment on Friday next.

When both sides had been heard, it is ed Hay-Pauncefote Treaty-Clay- stated that an agreement was practically ton-Bulwer Compact to Be Abro- reached to take a vote on the amended convention on Thursday afternoon at 3

Mr. Money was the first speaker, and Procrastination - Prediction That insisted upon his resolution, directing Becisive Action in Regard to the President to enter into negotiations with Great Britain looking to the abro-Isthmian Project Will Be Taken gation of the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty Refere the Present Session Ends. being given equal consideration with the treaty, since, as he stated, the resolution would do away with any necessity of At a special meeting of the Senate Com- adopting or relying on any treaty.

He argued that there was not now, and ing, it is reported, a programme was never had been, any necessity of a treaty agreed upon which will ensure the passage with Great Britain governing the construcof the Nicaragua Canal bill at this session, tion of the proposed Nicaragua Canal and despite the assurance of the Administration | that the action of the Senate in even conofficials that Great Britain will never ac- sidering the present compact was simply cept the amended Hay-Pauncefote Treaty. a puff to the pride and authority of Great

He stated that if the Senate would agree witerway measure adopted at this session to strike out section 2 of Article II, and of Congress and it is reliably reported that section 7 of Article II, the items relating to fortifications, together with all of Article III, relating to the Concert of the Powers, he would be willing to withdraw his resolution temporarily, so that a vote his protests were without avail. Messrs. could be taken on Thursday.

Mr. Mason then spoke for over an hour today, in executive session, to take a vote and reiterated his demand for an American canal. He favored the abrogation of day, and to ratify the compact in its the Clayton-Bulwer compact directly, but, if an agreement could be had whereby a vote could be taken Thursday, he favored the Senate will take a holiday recess until voting on all of the more important tors. January 3, a period of nearly two weeks. amendments which had the purpose of an The canal measure will, it is said, remain | American canal with fortifications and no Mr. Lodge stated that he favored taking ton-Bulwer Treaty, between the United a vote on Thursday and that he had heard

Hanna and Payne See the President About the Subsidy Bill.

The Republican Boss Said to Be Greatly Perturbed About the Fate of His Bounty Scheme.

Senator Hanna and Vice Chairman ton. The time limit is set for April 10, Henry C. Payne of the Republican Naand if by that time England has failed to tional Committee were at the White take action on the convention and has not House this morning and held a lengthy forwarded it to the United States, the conference with the President. It is un-Morgan resolution declaring the Clayton- derstood their visit had reference to the Bulwer Treaty abrogated will be called up | Ship Subsidy bill, concerning its fate, of which Senator Hanna is said to entertain Immediately following this action, grave doubts. Opposition to the measure which will leave the way clear for the is consolilating and its friends are enpassage of the Nicaragua Canal bill, the | deavoring to devise some means to secure

be called up, and put through with little | The purpose of Senator Hanna's call upon the President was, it is said, to A large majority of the Senators are point out the necessity of taking drastic pleased with this programme, and are said to have agreed to stand by it. The

ed, has offered no open objection to the plan. It is also claimed that nearly all Treaty and the Subsidy bill whereby it is of the Republicans will vote for both hoped that advantage will accrue to the the resolution and the bill, since Mr. Mc- latter. The plan, it is asserted, is to force Kinley has assured them that with the a vote on the treaty before the adjourn-Clayton-Bulwer Treaty abrogated, he will sign the Canal bill if passed by the San day recess, and thus leave the way clear the reassembling of the Senate in January.

offer only perfunctory resistance and thus City. allow the matter to be disposed of one way have free course.

Senator Hanna appeared to be in not a very hopeful mood over his pet measure when he left the White House this morning. He declared glocmily that he had the committee why the road should have no knowledge as to when a vote could be the bonus of \$1,500,000, over which there secured. He thought, however, that action would be had upon the treaty at an early date, in all probability before the

Bill to Give War Veterans Prefer

ence in Appointments Defeated. This is suspension day in the House. Jus Bromwell of Ohio was recognized and mov-ed to suspend the rules and pass House bill 5779, being a bill giving preference to norably discharged soldiers and sailors and marines in all appointments in the civil service of the United States. Mr. Richardson of Tennessee controlled the

time in opposition to the measure. Mr. Bromwell stated that under the exsting law only veterans of the civil war were given preference in the matter of appointment in the civil service. His I simply extended that preference to the veterals of the Spanish war.

Mr. Richardson suggested that while Mr. Richardson suggested that while they were about it why not amend the bill o as to include soldiers and sailors of the Mexican war, the Philippine war, in fact till wars past and future. Mr. Gillett of Massachusetts thought it

worthy civilians who had taken the civil worthy civilians who had taken the civil service examinations, for it placed the veierans at the head of the eligible lists and the effect would be to exclude all civilians from appointment in the Federal Union. The bill was purely class legislation and was thorefore in the service of the civilians and was thorefore in the service of the civilians and was thorefore in the civilians and was thorefore in the civilians and civilians and

was a meritorious bill and ought to pass.
Mr. McCall of Massachusetts said he
was opposed to the bill because it created a military class. He wanted every
man to have an overline the

nau to have an equal right in the matter man to have an edga right in the matter of Government appointments.

Mr. Fleming of Georgia said he believed in an efficient civil service, but the bill under discussion would throw down the bars. He was therefore opposed to it. Mr. Fowler of New Jersey also opposed

the bill.

By a vote of 51 to 105, two-thirds not voting, the House refused to suspend the rules, and the bill failed.

After the defeat of the Bronwell bill by the Company of Marie 19 the bill by t Sanford left here Saturday, and is now on his way to England.

Mr. Cannon of Illinois from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the Urga, Deficiency bill which was passed in a decision of the committee of the control of the co

TO VOTE ON THE CANAL TREATY HANNA'S PET BILL DEAD

eration of the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty in Sent to the Senate Graveyard by the Steering Committee.

> The Ship Sabsidy Measure Not to Be committed-Administration Lead-Speeches on It Until the Very Last
> Day of the Session—No Likelihood of its Seeing Daylight Again After
> It has Been Referred to Committee
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mittee.

The strength of the opposition came as a great surprise to the Ohio leader, but his protests were without avail. Messrs. Allison, Hale, Spooner, McMillan, Burrows, and other Republican leaders all insisted that it would be useless and a waste of time to attempt to get the obnoxious was strongly urged by many of the Westward of the latest and best improvement in shipbuilding."

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Mr. Scott was talked of the latest and best improvement in shipbuilding." bill through in its present form and, it is announced, it must go back to its crea-

This action, Sepators say, is equivalent to a defeat for the bill, as the committee will not attempt to report it again at er the recess as unfinished business several Senators will speak on it and a moion will be made to refer it back to the committee. Mr. Hanna will undoubtedly call for the yeas and nays and the oppoents of the bill claim that they have an verwhelming majority on the proposition to kill the measure.

The Administration leaders in the Senate have decided against the bill because made to talk it to death if it is allowed to remain before the body. Messrs. Pettigrew, Allen, Bacon, Vest, and others propose to occupy the balance of the session in discussing the bill indess it de-

on the question. Mr. Allison, who is the real leader of the Senate, has stated that he does not consider the measure of enough importance to receive attention at this session. Mr. Berry will fight the bill if it ever Republican leaders.

According to the statements made by Senators who know, the Ship Subsidy bill is practically dead, and will never pass at this session.

THE B. & O. GRADE BILL.

House District Committee to Report It Favorably as Amended.

The House District Committee met at deration of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail press the Subsidy bill immediately upon road Grade Crossing bill. Before going into executive session C. C. Duncanson Now that the Administration leaders see stated to the committee that he came to that the Hay-Pauncefote compact is to be enter his protest against the Baltimore amended still further or that a prolonged and Ohio Railroad being authorized to lotruggle will ensue they are decided to cate its roundhouses and tracks at Ivy

Mr. Hamilton, of counsel for the Baltior the other so that the Shipping bill may more and Ohio, submitted a statement giving the estimates of cost of the erec tion and change of grade called for by the bill abolishing grade crossings. This statement was for the purpose of showing the bonus of \$1,500,000, over which there is a difference of opinion in the commi

> the North Capitol and Eckington Citizens Association were given five minutes each in which to renew their objection to the cation of the roundhouses.

At 11 o'clock the room was cleared and mittee went into executive ses-

The committee at the close of the ex ecutive session agreed on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Grade Crossing bill and ordered it formally reported to the House. The following are the amendments agreed to by the committee:

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Section 2. That the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company shall, before taking possession of the ground now owned by the United States in square 688, secure and convey to the Enited States a tract of ground containing not less than 21,000 square feet, which location shall be subject to the approval of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia and the Sergeant at Arms of the United States cante, and locate thereon a fire engine house at a cost of not less than \$24,000 and stables at a cost of not less than \$34,000 and stables at a cost of not less than \$15,000; or, if 201d company prefers it may have the buildings crecked by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia by depositing the amounts stated above with them, and when such buildings have been accepted by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia and the Sergeant at Arms of the United States Senate, or the amount necessary for their construction deposited as aforesaid, it rhall have authority to remove said atructures on the ground aforesaid. And the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company shall have the right to condemn such land in the city as is hereinfor required and for said purposes the provisions of section 10 of the bill are hereby made applicable to the provisions of this section.

Provided, that the round houses and shops shall be located in said Y as far eastwardly as in the judgment of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia is practicable.

Page 7, times 18 and 19, strike out after the word "within" the following, "the city limits west of Second Street east, and east of North Capitol Street."

Page 9, line 6, after the word "the" at the end of the line near "time fixed for the Section 2. That the Baltimore and Ohio Rail-

Street."
Page 9, line 6. after the word "the" at the end
of the line insert "time fixed for the."
Page 11. line 8, after the word "avenue" insert
he following, "also extending from the north
ine of New York Avenue to the north line of
l. Street."

Page 16, line 21, after the word "Columbia," did the following, "Provided, that in every case n which an assessment of damages or an award hall have been returned by the appraisers, the company upon paying fillo court the amount so assessed or awarded, may enter upon and fake tossession of the lands and property covered there are irrespective of whether exceptions to said assessment or award shall be filed or not, and the ubsequent proceedings shall not interfere with or effect such possession, but shall only "freet the mount of the compensation to be paid."

Weather Strips, rubber or felt, at One cent per foot lineal. Reep your house warm this winter. Lumber and mill work always best and lowest at 6th st. and N. Y. ave. nw.

TRIP TO SAN FRANCISCO.

Mr. McKinley to Go to California

President McKinley will be present at the ceremonies attending the launching of the battleship Ohio at San Francisco some time next spring. This was decided upon this morning when Henry T. Scott, the President of the Union Iron Works, where the famous battleship Oregon was Called Up Refore the Holiday Re-cess-After That It Is to Be Re-Moore, of New York, and urged Mr. Mc-Kinley to make the trans-continental trip. ers Sure It Cannot Pass-Several to be present at the launching and from-Senators Prepared to Deliver | ised to go unless something now unfore-

Mr. Hanna's pet Ship Subsidy bill was this morning relegated to what is known as the Senate graveyard by the decisive action of the Steering Committee of that body at a meeting held to determine a programme of legislation before the Christmas recess. It had been hoped by the friends of the measure that it would be taken up this week and some action had, but with only one dissenting voice, that of Mr. Hanna, it was decided not to take the bounty bill up until after the recess and then to send it back to the committee.

The strength of the opposition came as a great surprise to the Ohio leader, but

was strongly urged by many of the Wes

THE GNEISENAU DISASTER

this session. When the bill comes up aft- Over One Hundred of the Training Ship's Men Missing.

> The Vessel Wrecked Before It Could Steam Out of Danger-Rap. idly Going to Pieces."

BERLIN, Dec. 17 .- An official despatch received here today from Malaga accounts they are aware that an attempt will be for 314 survivors out of the 450 persons who were on board the German training frigate Gneisenau, which foundered at the ice to the port of Malaga, yesterday. LONDON, Dec. 17.-Complete details of the disaster to the German training ship velops that they have enough votes to Gneisenau, which foundered while enterdefeat it. As Messrs, Hale, Spooner, and ing the harbor of Malaga yesterday are Allison have already announced that they not yet obtainable. There were 360 perwill vote against the Hanna-Payno-Frye sons aboard the wessel, but it is not yet scheme, it has been decided to bury the known here how many of them were lost bill, rather than split the party vote in the storm that threw the ship on the rocks. It is expected, however, that the list of those drowned will be a long ifae.

A despatch to Lloyds from Gibraltar says that from thirty to forty of the crew of the Gnelsenau were lost. The training ship had been at the port gets back before the Senate and bas, it of Malaga since November 1, engaged in is said, been assured the support of the big gun practice. At 10 o'clock yesterday drawn as to effect little, while ostensi spected, the wind began to blow violently. The captain ordered the engineers to get

to save the sailors. After they had picked | zled by party pressure, has been outspok- | Point, whose death occurred recently, con-10:30 o'clock this morning to resume con- up fifteen the boat, which was ov rerewd- en in its condemnation of this schome, vened at Bristol today to take the testi-

MADRID, Dec. 17 .- The German school-

ship Gneisenau, which sunk at the mouth of the harbor of Malaga yesterday, is rapidly breaking up. BUSINESS IN THE SENATE.

Sundry Rills Introduced-A Tiff on the Montana Case.

Before the Senate went into executive session today at 1:25 o'cleck, Mr. Nelson introduced a bill extending the Homestead laws to the Chippewa Indian reservations in Minnesota. Mr. Carter amended the bill by including Montana. Mr. Allen add-

was referred to the Committee on the Ju-

any action in the Montana Senatorial case. Mr. Gallinger stated that the committee

had not had an opportunity to act.

Mr. Chardler asked that the Committee on Privileges and Elections the given power to go ahead in the case as the Committee on Contingent Expenses seemed to have no decision to the case as desire to take action.

desire to take action.

Mr. Jones of Arkansas steed that if Mr. Chandler was anxious to baye the mater before the Senate both Mesers. Clark and Maginnis would be pleased to appear before the Senate very shortly.

Mr. Chandler replied that if there was money enough in the United States Treasure. ury to make an investigation, he wanted one made. He announced that if the Committee on Contingent Expenses did not make a report very shortly, he Chandler) are that the territory involved should would move to have his con charged from the consider

Mr. Hale introduced bills f tion of a hospital for the ins spector of accounts for the

Mr. Dolliver introduced a b for the erection of a labora Department of Agriculture Mr. Mason introduced a bi

Orphan Asylum of the Distr

Mr. Carter offered a re was referred to the Commit on the Ju-

Mr. Money rose to a question of personal privilege and had the Clerk read a statement made by a local morair per to the effect that the Southern core in the Senate had handed together claim. Treasury of some \$25,000.04 Money denied the story as absolt without foundation.

Mr. Daniel introduced a bill authorizing the President to select from the list of

he President to select from the list of colunteer officers, two officers without re-



THE SHIP TRUST SCHEME

The Hanna Subsidy Bill Styled a Gigantic Steal.

New York Evening Post Prints a Symposium of Hostile Opinions, Charge Made That It Is for the Benefit of the Standard Oil Company and Other Rich Corporations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 .- Under the twoolumn black-letter headline, "The Ship Subsidy Steal," the "Evening Post" this afternoon prints a flerce attack on the pending Ship Subsidy bill. The article includes an analysis of the provisions of the measure and a symposium of opinions hostile to it by economists, merchants, lawyers, and editors.

ing urged chiefly for the benefit of the Standard Oil Company, the International Navigation Company, and a few other rich corporations, and that its passage would rob the taxpayers of hundreds of millions for no other reason than to pay a political debt to these corporations.

'Post' says, "have not changed its general complexion, having been so carefull, morning, while the boys were being in- bly obviating some of the objections too reasonable to be ignored. "According to expert,

up steam as quickly as possible, but the opinion, gathered from all parts of the vessel parted her anchor chains and was overboard and many were drawned. Some trade organizations have pronounced men in a small boat made heroic efforts against it. The press, except when muz-

ago. The best argument made against the Hanna Ship Subsidy bill, so called because Senator Hanna first introduced it. and is, for reasons of his own, its chief will be accompanied by Capt, James T. sponsor, is that known as the Fitzgerald report, presented to Congress last May, and giving the views of the minority of the Committee on the Merchant Marine and Fitzgerald Releases.

"This report and a statement before the House committee January 30, 1900, by yer, John De Witt Warner, representing the ed an amendment including Newrocka. Mr. Pettigrew stated that Mr. Newson's tariff reform committee of the Reform rettigrew stated that Th. Covered only the Chippewar reserva- Club of New York, summarize, in admira- ing, and officers of the bis. The bill was recomitted to the ble shape, the whole situation. The Re- be called to the stand. Mr. Hoar introduced a bill for the sup- form Club, represented chiefly in this matression of train robberies in the Terri- ter by Mr. Warner, by Calvin Tomkins and ories of the United States. The measure by its secretary, Byron W. Holt, has devoted, during the last year or more, an immense amount of time and successful work to finding out and making known the exact truth concerning this scheme, which, in the language of one of their pamphlets. represents a trust, of trusts, by trusts,

> West Floridans Renew the Agitation to Change the Map.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Dec. 17 .- The agitation for the cession of that portion of Florida west of the Apalachicola River to Alabama has recently been revived by the Pensacola Board of Trade. The general naturally be a part of Alabama and that the commercial and social affiliations of the inhabitants are closer to Alabama

cession of west Florida to Alabama has been discussed from time to time for the last fifty years. The people in the section are by no means unanimous in its advecacy, the rural element being strongly opposed to it. In other parts of Florida the agitation has never been regarded Marble Quarry Rules of the discussion at present is receiving more than usual attention, because the Pensacola Board of Trade and prominent business men of that city are urging annexation to Alabama. The matter is being considered by the Alabama Redfield Proctor is negotiating for the Legislature, now in session. It will be purchase of the Carrara marble quarries.

TO KEEP OR NOT TO KEEP!

STATUS OF AMERICAN COLONIES.

Argument in Supreme Court Cases

Algument in the case of John H. Goetze

on goods brought into the United States

to Begin Late Today.

against the United States for the return of money paid by him as customs duties

from Porto Rico between the time of the signing of the Treaty of Paris and the approval of the act for the Government of Porto Rico, will possibly be begun in the Supreme Court late this afternoon, though it is probable that the case will

> ceed to argument at noon today, but the ensolidated cases of the United States against the Mescalero, Apache, and the

The "Post" asserts that the bill is be

"The amendments to the bill." the

overwhelming. Thousands of prominent Before she went down the crew jumped business men, college professors, and had been in the boat were rescued with popular indignation, might easily grow timate friends, relative to the facts of the into a scandal as disgraceful as that of case. the Pacific Mail subsidy of thirty years

and Fisheries.

FOR ANNEXATION TO ALABAMA.

miles long, with an average breadth of nearly forty miles, and it is one of the richest and most fertile sections of Florida. It contains the seven counties of Escambia, Santa Rosa, Walton, Washington, Holmes, Jackson and Calhoun, with an aggregate assessed valuation of property of \$20,000,000 and a population which increased 50 per cent in the last tents, being row about 100,000.

This is not a new movement, for the receiver of washing and with confetti.

The finances for all this varied entertainment are coming in with encouraging land.

De Wet Makes Three Determined

Burgher General Said to Have Broken Through the Lines at Lapborg and Warringham's Store-Federalistr Reported Repulsed at Thabanchu Nek and Springkaut's Nek.

tivity of the Boers, who are becoming very aggressive in their operations against the

From Maseru, Basutoland, there comes yesterday's date, a statement that General De Wet attacked Lapborg and Warringham's store. The general, the despatch says, made three determined assaults on the British position, and led the third attack in person. With a few of his men, De Wet charged through, while the ainder of his force followed.

The inference is that the Boers were successful, although no statement to that effect is made in the despatches received

It is learned here through advices received today that a Boer commando.

Haasbroek, with a commando and two gans, who has been trying to force Springkaut's Nek, near Thabanchu, has been repulsed with a loss of forty men.

sents are not mentioned in the despatches.

KRUGER IN A RUNAWAY.

The Boer President Said to Have Stopped Frightened Horses. ran away. One of Mr. Kruger's secretaries, who was the only other occupant

not come up until tomorrow. Argument on the case of Emil J. Pepke, known as the Fourteen Diamond Rings Case, will be proceeded with at the same time, the cases having been consolidated. A FAMINE IN HUNGARY. The Attorney General, and the attorneys for Goetze and Pepke were ready to pro

Northern Cheyenne Indians had prece-Leutschau, Hungary, are famine-stricken. lence on the calendar. Disease is rampant, eight cases of bu-bonic plague and thousands of cases of The Porto Rico and the Philippine cases will be proceeded with directly at the con-

clusion of argument in the Indian cases. THE BOOZ COURT OF ENQUIRY

Military Judges Convene at Bristol. Pa., to Take Testimony.

To Proceed to West Point Tomorrow and Examine Officers and Cadets Regarding Alleged Hazing.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17 .- The military court of enquiry appointed by the Secrehazzing of Cadet Oscar L. Booz at West mony of the cadet's father, pastor, and in-

Brooke, Gen. Alfred E. Bates, and Gen. J. The best argument made against the W. Clous. Captain Thomas R. Adams,

> of persecution because of his Christian or persecution because of his correction principles; John Stuckert, a Bristol lawyer, and Dr. Willis P. Weaver.
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> Tomorrow or later the enquirers will proceed to West Point, where public seseions will be held in the Academic Build-

ing, and officers of the post and cadets will be called to the stand.

"Le amplify at Bristol began at 10:50
o'clock, the first witness called being Mr.
Booz, who was invited to tell all he knew
concerning the circumstances of his son's
having. He said that Oscar entered the Military Academy, on June 20, 1898. Soon

after letters were received from him saying that he had been hazed. NEW CENTURY CELEBRATIONS.

Baltimoreans Planning Features for a Gala Day Programme. BALTIMORE, Dec. 17.-More enthusism and money appear to be moving in the direction of the committee which has in charge the arrangements for the celebration of the dawning of the new cen tury. The programme committee met Saturday and mapped out plans, but these will not be officially announced until the next meeting of the general

As a beginning of the exercises it suggested that the patriotic citizen arise betimes on the morning of December 31 and decorate his house with flags. After this work is over there is nothing special pu the inhabitants are closer to Alabama down on the list until 2 o'clock p. m., and than to the rest of Florida.

The strip of land involved is about 200 miles long, with an average breadth of moving around paying New Year visits.

committee.

ter is being considered by the Anadama.

Legislature, now in session. It will be brought before the Florida Legislature, which meets next April.

Radiantine's India Pale Ale will keep in any climate. Welcome to any stomach,

ATTACKED BY THE BOERS

Assaults on the British.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Despatches from outh Africa chronicle the continued ac-

which has been endeavoring to capture Thabanchu Nek, has been repulsed. It is also reported that Commandant

The British casualties in these engage-

THE HAGUE, Dec 17 .- While President Kruger was out driving in the suburbs last Wednesday, his horses became frightened at an automobile, and ran

The aged Boer President stood up in the carriage, and, reaching past the driver, seized the reins, and soon pulled up the horses. He said to his secretary when the latter rejoined him: "Next time, sit where you are and trust in God."

Starving People Afflicted With Bubonic Plague and Typhus. VIENNA, Dec. 17.-The agrarian prov nces, comprising 200 square miles around

typus being reported. The mortality in the district is 300 to OPERATIONS IN PANAY.

Report on the Losses of Filipinos and Americans. MANILA, Dec. 15 .- Advices from Hollo, Island of Panay, report that insurgent losses there in the last ten days have been five killed, several wounded and forty taken prisoners. The Americans have lost two killed and three wounded. Large numbers of the natives are swear-ing allegiance to the United States. General Wheaton reports that 359 na-tives have entered Calauan for registra-

KING HUMBERT'S RIOGRAPHY.

Ex-Queen Margherita Collecting Documents for It. PARIS Dec. 17 .- A despatch from Rome

dence of ex-Queen Margherita, at Stupinigi Castle, near Turin, she collected documents and correspondence with the late

INDEMNITY FOR CATHOLICS. Prance to Re Asked to Act in Behalf

of Missionaries. PARIS. Dec. 17 .- A despatch to the "Siecle" from Marseilles, says Bishop Favier, of Pekin, will return to France in March, for the purpose of making arrangements with the Government for a special indemnity for his congregations in China. He is now collecting all the information Foreign Affairs, and securing reh

numerous in China, intend to make a similar request of M. Deleasse, on the ground that France holds a general protectorate over Roman Catholic interests in the Far

The Italian missionaries, who are very

ART OBJECTS FROM CHINA.

French Minister of Marine Orders the Shipments Stopped. PARIS, Dec. 17 .- The Minister of Marine has ordered that the sending of cases containing art objects from China to President Loubet for the various museums be stop-

er places and should not be treated as war TRAIN STRIKES A MOTOR CAR.

He says, in the opinion of the Govern

Seven Persons Injured at Luzerae Borough, Pa. WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 17.—A Le-high Valley coal train dashed into an electric car at Luzerne borough this morning, completely wrecking it and inuring seven people. The train had the right of way, and

was approaching the crossing rapidly, owing to the rails being slippery values, the electric car slid after current had been turned off.

the Philippine Islands, free of dudy, or packages and articles clearly intended as Christmas presents for the officers and enlisted men of the army and navy, and for other employes of this Government now serving in those islands. The provision as to the free admission of such Christmas presents will terminate as to Juba on Pebruary 15, and as to the Philippines on Macch 15, next.